

What Dime Novels Did.

One night a policeman of Ottawa, Neb., found at the telegraph office a boy crying. His name was Thomas Dinkin. He had run away from New York to seek his fortune. The fortune had not been found, and penniless he had telegraphed home for money. He was waiting for an answer. It came in an order to arrest and send him home. This is the story as told by the Omaha Blade.

It seems the boy, who is a bright youth, had, according to his own story, been accustomed to read dime novels and sensational stories during his leisure time in his father's store, and, becoming fascinated with the thrilling adventures therein graphically described, he determined to start out in the world in quest of fortune and adventure.

He left home with forty-two dollars in money, a portion of which he had paid out for railroad fare, and the remainder was stolen from him in the cars in Iowa. On his arrival in Omaha, he found himself dead broke.

Thus far he had had adventures enough to suit him, and becoming convinced that the actual experience of these things is not as pleasant as it is to read about them in print, he concluded to return home. He therefore pawned his revolver, with which he had arrayed himself, for two dollars and a half, and used the money to telegraph home.

Tommy read trash and was led astray. He was fortunate in getting arrested before he had wandered off beyond recovery. The moral is very clear. Keep poisonous reading out of the family.

A Curious Wedding.

An American paper says: A novel marriage ceremony was performed at Washington, West Virginia, by a Unitarian clergyman from Boston. The bride was the third daughter of Mr. S. P. Brown, was handsomely dressed, of course, and, equally, of course, "looked pretty and frightened." The groom was Samuel L. Mattingly, and the married clergyman was "pompous in manner and faltering in speech." He gave out the names of Samuel while reading the marriage certificate. He afterwards asked for two rings, and, turning his back upon bride and groom, held a ring in each hand, and called upon the company to witness that there were two rings; they were round, which was a gratification of the guests. Then he informed the guests that the rings were of gold—another piece of valuable information; no base metal this time! After the rings were sufficiently eulogized, he wheeled around and addressed the trembling pair, and told the groom to put one ring on the bride's finger, and she must put the other on the gentleman's finger, and both repeat, "With this ring I thee wed." After a prayer, he announced that the deed was done, and that Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Mattingly were prepared to receive the congratulations of their friends. Every one said, they never saw or heard of such a ceremony before, and, no doubt, the minister intended to produce that impression.

A Permanent Home.

To have a home which a man has himself reared or purchased—a home which he has improved or beautified—a home, indeed, which, with honest pride and natural love, he calls his own—is an additional security for any man's virtue. Such a home he leaves with regret, to go to it he gladly returns. There he finds innocent and satisfying pleasure. There his wife and little ones are happy and safe, and there his best affections centre and grow. To such a pair, as time advances, the abode of their early and middle life, whence perhaps they have all departed, becomes constantly more dear; for it is now a scene of pleasant memories—the undisturbed declining years! Nor can this kindly influence wholly fail so long as the dear objects of that family scene remain a place in the memory, connected, as they inseparably are, with thoughts of a father's council, a mother's tenderness, a sister's pity, and a brother's love.

Sounded Like Business.

He wanted her but she would not give her consent until he had consulted her parents. So he went into the room where they were, and modestly stated the case: "And you really think you love her enough to marry her?" said the father, after he had finished. "Oh, yes, sir," said the youth in fervent eagerness. "I love her with all my life. She is my guiding star, the worshipped object of my every thought, every hope, every aspiration." He stood there with clasped hands, his face radiant with the strength of his devotion. There was a moment of pause, and then the mother softly asked: "What do you think of that, old man?" "That sounds like business, old woman," replied the satisfied father. And so it was arranged that the daughter should accept her suitor.

"I don't believe it's of any use to vaccinate for small-pox," said a backwoodsman; "for I had a child vaccinated, and in less than a week after he fell out of a window and was killed."

Genes of Thought.

Flattery is a sort of bad money to which our vanity gives currency.

A laudatory tongue will ultimately damage its possessor more than its victim.

He who consecrates himself to what is highest of all thereby elevates all his pursuits.

We must row with the oars we have, and, as we cannot order the wind we are obliged to sail with, must take the wind that comes.

It costs us more to be miserable than would make us perfectly happy. How cheap and easy is the service of virtue, and how dear do we pay for our vices.

The rarest and most fragrant blossoms unfold their beauty only in the bosom of the night; so many of the richest and most priceless blessings of our lives are borne to us under the wings of shadowed sorrow.

My faith is, that there is a far greater amount of revelation given to guide each man by the principles laid down in the Bible, by conscience and by providence, than most men are aware of. It is not the light which is defective, it is an eye to see it.

God forbid that the search after truth should be discouraged for fear of its consequences! The consequences of truth may be subversive of systems of superstition, but they never can be injurious to the rights or well-founded expectations of the human race!

The sweetest and most signal revenge to inflict upon enemies who seek to belittle our labors or underestimate our abilities, is to do every thing well, to lead irreproachable lives, to earn popular confidence and respect, to eschew all but laudable undertakings, to succeed in every act and labor. Success is the most effectual reproach to envy, malice and unkindness.

Plunykrafts.

The reason some people put on airs is, because they have nothing else to put on.

An Irish judge said, when addressing a prisoner: "You are to be hanged, and I hope it will prove a warning to you."

"They say money's cheap now," muttered an honest-looking laborer. "Well, perhaps it is, but it costs a deal of hard work to get a little."

Priest—Now tell me, Doolan, truthfully, how often do you go to the chapel? Pat—Well now, shure o'll tell yer riv'rence the truth, Pat, I go as often I can avoid.

A cute young wife says: "When I want a nice snug day all to myself, I tell George dear mother is coming, and then I see nothing of him until one in the morning."

"I wish you would pay a little attention to what I am saying, sir," roared a lawyer at an exasperating witness. "I am paying as little as I can," was the calm reply.

"Why don't your father take a newspaper?" said a gentleman to a little urchin, whom he caught in the act of pilfering one from his door step. "Cause he sends me to take it."

"Small thanks to you," said a petulant plaintiff to one of his witnesses, "for what you said in this case." "Ah, sir," replied the witness, "but just think of what I didn't say!"

CAUTION TO FARMERS.—An exchange cautions farmers against a swindle which is thus described: "A farmer in Homer, by the name of Ernestus Brooks, has been swindled out of \$750. Two men called upon him, and sought to sell him a half interest in a fanning mill. He declined to purchase. They then requested him to lend his influence to induce a neighbor to purchase. He was to give his note for the amount. This was to be shown to the neighbor, and after he had, by its influence been led to buy the other half interest for \$750, his was to be returned to him, and with it \$100 as a bonus for his trouble. He has not seen the parties since. They raised the money on his note, and he is out his bonus, and has heavy obligations to meet when it becomes due. Strange it is that any one should be misled by such a scheme of fraud."

LIQUID CEMENT.—Put gum-arabic in 70 per cent of alcohol; put it in vials, and it is ready for use. Apply it to the broken dish with a feather, and hold it in a spirit lamp as long as it will simmer; then join together evenly, and, when cold, it will break in another piece first, and is as strong as new.

TO KEEP BUTTER SWEET.—A friend assures us that his wife always keeps butter sweet or removes rancid taste and odor from it by means of charcoal packed in the vessel with it. She cuts smooth sticks of charcoal, and, after washing them through the butter perpendicularly, allowing them to remain in the vessels until the butter is consumed. Fresh butter will never become rancid if thus packed, while rancid butter will soon become as sweet as ever. This may be a valuable hint to those who make butter to sell.

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Best new Currants	9	7 1/2
Best old Currants	8	5
Best Turkish Prunes, new	10	7
Best Layer Raisins	15	12 1/2
Best Valencia Raisins	10	9 1/2
Mixed Pickles, bottles	25	20
Mixed Pickles, largest size	50	35
Mustard, per lb.	80	25
Best Java Coffee, extra choice	40	35
Good Java Coffee	35	30
Fare Java Coffee	30	25
Best pure ground Pepper	25	20
Brooms, extra heavy	40	35
Brooms, medium	35	25
Brooms, light	25	20
Soda, baking	10	8
Soda, in five pound boxes	10	5
Set best white granite Tea ware, 44 pieces	3 50	2 85
Set of China Tea ware, 44 pieces	5 50	4 00
One dozen white Granite Cups and Saucers	1 25	1 15
One dozen white granite Dinner Plates, largest	1 25	1 15
Set white granite Toilet ware, nine pieces	3 50	2 75
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